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Hampton shelter closing, damage assessment begins

Hampton is closing its shelter this morning as of 7 a.m. Residents of Paula Maria are getting transportation back to their apartments, and other residents have left the shelter at Phenix School. Schools resume 2 hours late today.

Fire fighters are driving through their districts this morning to survey for damage, and Community Development staff will be checking areas that saw flooding beginning at 8 a.m. Residents are urged to call 311 (727-8311 from a cell) to report damage.

Five roads still have restricted access this morning: Resort Boulevard and First Street in Buckroe have deposits of sand, and Bonita Drive and Harris Creek and Dandy Point roads still had some standing water. Drivers are urged to stay away from those roads until conditions clear.

Winds are still gusting this morning, and up to two dozen homes were reported without power. Scattered down lines that were reported throughout the city have been checked; most are cable, not power lines.

Boat owners are reminded that Tuesday's low tide (4:25 p.m.) will be especially low due to trailing winds blowing toward the east. Boaters should check their lines to make sure they have enough slack to account for these abnormally low tides.

Residents who have parked their cars on higher ground (especially those parked at Francis Asbury Elementary School, 140 Beach Road) are asked to move them back to their residences as soon as possible. Some are blocking bus lanes.

The following city offices have reported their schedules for Tuesday, October 30:

- City of Hampton offices will be open for normal operations
- Hampton Parks will be open with normal hours
- Hampton Courts will be open for normal hours Tuesday
- Hampton City Schools will be delayed two hours
- Hampton's Health Department will be closed; the "Women's Health Day" event is cancelled
- Monday's trash collection will be picked up on Wednesday; Tuesday's collection will be rescheduled for Saturday.

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